

Engineering Permits

Obtain permits at:

One Stop Shop
300 N.W. 1st Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
Phone: 954-828-5191
Fax: 954-828-5275
Web site: www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us

Application Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Review Hours: Monday - Friday
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
and by appointment.

Utilities information (including locations)
can also be obtained from:
City of Fort Lauderdale
Public Services Department
949 N.W. 38th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Phone: 954-828-7833

General questions or comments?

Contact Engineering Permits
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Helpful Phone Numbers

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| Building Permits & Inspections | 954-828-5191 |
| Community Area Planning | 954-828-5260 |
| Community Inspections | 954-828-5207 |
| Engineering Permits/ Utilities Services | 954-828-5048 or 954-828-5123 |
| Fax Permitting | 954-828-6330 |
| Inspection Schedules | 954-828-5191 |
| Occupational Licenses | 954-828-5195 |
| One Stop Shop General Information | 954-828-5191 |
| Planning & Zoning Administration | 954-828-5260 |
| Planning & Zoning Information | 954-828-5203 |
| Professional Day Appointments (each Monday) | 954-828-6031 |

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Engineering Permit Criteria

Any improvements to be constructed in the public right-of-way (ROW) require an engineering permit. The ROW includes public alleys, paved roads/shoulders and grassy swale areas (the areas, paved or unpaved, between the roadway edge and the private property line), as well as the City street.

A complete list of standard engineering permit requirements and details are available from the Engineering Review Staff at the One Stop Shop, located at 300 N.W. 1st Avenue.

Engineering permits shall only be issued to appropriately licensed general engineering or underground utility contractors.

ROW improvements typically constructed with an engineering permit include:

- Driveway aprons (approaches)
- Drainage improvements
- Sidewalks, curbs and gutters
- Swale improvements
- Telecommunication or other franchise construction facilities
- Water/wastewater facilities

Engineering permits submittal, requirements list, fee schedules, applications and general information are available on the City of Fort Lauderdale web site at www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us.

Engineering Permit Requirements

Construction within public ROW under City of Fort Lauderdale jurisdiction must be in accordance with City Construction Standards and Specifications and Code of Ordinances.

The construction standards and specifications are available for review or purchase from the Engineering Department at City Hall (4th Floor), at 100 N. Andrews Avenue, 954-828-5772.

Some engineering permit requirements include:

- Contractor's verification of appropriate licensure (Broward County or State of Florida), insurance, a performance bond (cash or surety in the amount of 150 percent of the value of work up to \$100,000; 100 percent for work totaling more than \$100,000).
- Four copies of plans and shop drawings for improvements. Plans shall be certified by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Florida.
- Permit fees are calculated from the construction cost estimate.

For work valued at or less than \$5,000, the fee will be 10 percent of the value of the work. For work valued at greater than \$5,000, the fee will be \$500 plus 5 percent of the value of work in excess of \$5,000.

Bonds shall be released following final completion and approval of the work and warranty period, if applicable, and requires approximately 30 to 60 days. Additional requirements may be in effect depending on the nature of proposed construction.

Engineering Inspections

Inspections are scheduled by calling 954-828-5191 before 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, for next day inspections. You will be advised regarding specific inspection requirements at the time of permitting.

All construction completed with an engineering permit shall require either a final or a rough and final inspection, as noted by the engineer completing the review. It is the contractor's responsibility to ensure the permit is properly closed out with a final inspection approval.

Project Certification

Engineered construction of underground utilities (large water meters, meter vaults, or manholes), accesses, curb and gutter, sidewalk and other significant construction features may require certified construction drawings prepared by a professional surveyor licensed in the State of Florida. Certified construction plans shall comply with the City's requirements prior to the release of bond or certification of the building for occupancy, as applicable.

The engineering permit requirements list contains the requirements for certification. The permit requirements list states the necessary documents and effort for recording new ROW, easements and the minimum criteria for surveyor's documentation of field control on new facilities. The contractor shall review these requirements lists prior to beginning construction and provide same to their selected professionals so final certification is complete in an orderly manner.